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REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.  
Claims 1-10 are pending.

The Applicants request acknowledgment of the claim for priority in this case. The priority document was filed at the International Phase PCT/JP99/00836, filed February 24, 1999.

On August 16, 2000, the Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). However, the Examiner has not returned the initialed Form PTO-1449. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 to indicated that the documents have been considered.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Goodrum et al U.S. Patent No. 6,032,271 (Goodrum).

Independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to more particularly recite the generation of an I/O bus signal which makes the I/O bus fail. The I/O bus fault signal is transmitted to the I/O bus at a predetermined point of time to generate the bus fault. Then, the CPU in the computer containing the bus fault is informed of the fault by an interrupt to be processed by the operating system executed by the CPU.

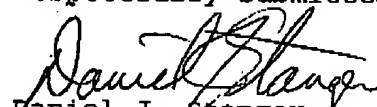
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The applied reference to Goodrum discloses that the condition of a bus is monitored using a Bus Watcher. Processing for interrupting devices connected to the bus is carried out if a fault occurs on the bus. However, Goodrum neither discloses nor suggests the manager of the claimed invention, which generates a signal for making the bus fail intentionally. Therefore, the person of ordinary skill cannot reach the claimed invention from the teachings of Goodrum.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

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